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SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS: AMBASSADOR LOW'S REMARKS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS MADE BY AMBASSADOR LOW TO PRESIDENT  
KAUNDA AT CREDENTIALS CEREMONY HELD AT 1530 HOURS AUGUST 31:

QUOTE

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

QTE I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTER FROM  
PRESIDENT FORD ACCREDITING ME AS AMBASSADOR TO YOUR GOVERNMENT  
AND THE LETTER OF RECALL FOR MY PREDECESSOR.

QTE TOGETHER WITH THESE FORMAL LETTERS I BRING YOU THE PERSONAL  
BEST WISHES OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WHO  
RECOGNIZE THE GROWING IMPORTANCE AND STATURE OF ZAMBIA AND HOLD YOU,  
ITS LEADER, IN HIGHEST ESTEEM.

QTE THIS IS A MOMENT OF GREAT PRIDE AND ANTICIPATION FOR ME.  
I AM PROUD TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES TO REPRESENT HIM IN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRIES  
OF THIS CONTINENT. THE POSITIVE EFFORTS FOR PEACE AND  
FRIENDSHIP AMONG NATIONS WHICH HAVE CONSTANTLY BEEN MADE UNDER  
YOUR LEADERSHIP HAVE BROUGHT IT WIDE RECOGNITION AND RESPECT. YOUR  
EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN  
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AFRICA HAVE CAST YOU IN A ROLE OF PROMINENCE AND INFLUENCE.

QTE I FEEL FORTUNATE IN REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES IN A COUNTRY WITH WHICH OUR RELATIONS ARE FRIENDLY AND OUR COOPERATION IS CLOSE. IT IS MY HOPE THAT DURING THE TIME I AM PRIVILEGED TO SERVE HERE, THESE RELATIONS CAN BE STRENGTHENED AND OUR COOPERATION DEVELOP EVEN MORE FULLY.

QTE GOOD RELATIONS MUST BE BASED ON EASY COMMUNICATION AND FULL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IT HAS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE IN EAST AND WEST AFRICA THAT AFRICANS AND AMERICANS CAN DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS FRANKLY AND OPENLY. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN TRUE IN THE PAST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ZAMBIA, I AM COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING AND ENRICHING THIS DIALOGUE.

QTE BUT DIALOGUE WITHOUT SHARED VALUES CAN BE STERILE. FORTUNATELY, OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE MUCH IN COMMON BOTH IN THE HERITAGE WE SHARE AND THE PRINCIPLES WE CHERISH. I AM PROUD TO REPRESENT A NATION WHICH IS IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING ONE OF THE WORLD S GREAT MULTIRACIAL SOCIETIES. WHAT MY COUNTRY IS DOING IN AMERICA, YOURS IS DOING IN AFRICA. YOU TOO ARE LEADING THE WAY TO SHOW HOW RACES CAN LIVE TOGETHER IN HARMONY. BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES ARE PRODUCTS OF A COLONIAL EXPERIENCE AND GAINED INDEPENDENCE AS A RESULT OF THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF INSPIRED LEADERS. THE CONCERN FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY IN BOTH ZAMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ONLY VALUED WITHIN OUR SOCIETIES BUT EXTENDED BEYOND OUR NATIONAL BORDERS. DEVOTION TO THESE PRINCIPLES LED THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE A PROMINENT POSITION IN ADVOCATING DECOLONIZATION AND MAJORITY RULE IN AFRICA. ZAMBIA S DEVOTION TO THESE SAME PRINCIPLES DESTINE IT TO PLAY THE ROLE OF A PRINCIPAL ACTOR IN THE UNFOLDING EVENTS OF THIS PART OF AFRICA. MY COUNTRY IS PROUD ALSO TO BE PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS DRAMA.

QTE MR. PRESIDENT, OUR SHARED VALUES AND OUR MUTUAL INTEREST HAVE PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THIS INTERCHANGE CAN BE MEASURED IN TERMS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON YOU STATED FRANKLY TO PRESIDENT FORD YOUR VIEW OF THE NEED FOR GREATER U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SEEKING A RESOLUTION OF AFRICA S MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS. LAST APRIL, SECRETARY KISSINGER CHOSE LUSAKA TO DELIVER A UNCLASSIFIED

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SPEECH WHICH CONSTITUTED A WATERSHED IN UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BY AN AMERICAN TO BE DELIVERED IN AFRICA. HE COMMITTED US TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY RULE, SELF-DETERMINATION AND EQUALITY OF TREATMENT FOR ALL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS COMMITMENT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY A CONTINUING EFFORT BY MY GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL CHANGE IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD.

QTE IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS TO COME YOU WILL FIND ME, MR. PRESIDENT,  
DEDICATED TO THIS ENDEAVOR AND TO THE EFFORTS IN WHICH BOTH OF OUR  
COUNTRIES ARE ENGAGED TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US AND  
ACHIEVE A BETTER LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THIS CONTINENT.  
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2. UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S REMARKS FOLLOW  
BY SEPTTEL.  
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